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1. WORKING GROUP MET TWICE IN CLOSED SESSION MARCH 3 AND COVERED PARAS 114-120 ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DECOLONIZATION, AND RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES. ITALY PROPOSED THAT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT BE UNDERTAKEN IN UN TO DEFINE HUMAN RIGHTS. YUGOSLAVIA SAID THAT IT IS INTOLERABLE TO REDUCE HUMAN RIGHTS TO ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL ELEMENT AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO THEORY THAT SOME RIGHTS HAVE PRIORITY OVER OTHERS. HE PROPOSED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CHARTER. POLISH REP SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY PARTICIPATES IN MANY UN BODIES THAT DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS HAVE TO BE BASED ON THE KIND OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC SECURITY THAT IS UNKNOWN TO REST OF WORLD OUTSIDE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. HE QUESTIONED HOW A PERSON WHO IS UNEMPLOYED COULD ENJOY PERSONAL RIGHTS.

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2. USSR SAID PROPOSAL TO CREATE HOW HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY FAILS TO TAKE OBJECTIVE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO DICTATE TO SOME STATES CONCEPTS WHICH ONLY FIT INTO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF OTHER STATES. US RESPONDED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ESSENTIAL PROCONDITION FOR ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

AND REMINDED COMITE THAT UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOES NOT QUALIFY ITS CLAUSES BY SAYING THAT CERTAIN RIGHTS ARE APPLICABLE EXCEPT WHEN THEY DO NOT FIT INTO PARTICULAR SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

3. SPAIN, US, AND FRANCE STATED THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THE INTEREST IN ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE UN. FRANCE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF APPOINTMENT OF UN COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT IN CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. CYPRUS CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND FOR GIVING TO SC MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT OF SC DECISIONS.

4. TURNING TO DECOLONIZATION, ROMANIA SAID THERE ARE MANY NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND PEOPLES THAT ARE DOMINATE BY FOREIGN EXPLOITERS IN CONTRADICTION OF THE CHARTER. ROMANIAN REP CALLED FOR CONVENING OF GA SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER AREAS UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION AND TO WORK TO END SOLONIALISM. HE SAID UN SHOULD GIVE CONCRETE ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SIERRA LEONE LINKED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES WITH UN ACTION CONCERNING ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

5. USSR SAID THAT PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED NOT ONLY TO HUMAN RIGHTS BUT TO ALL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM. HE SAID HUMAN RIGHTS AS SEEN BY SOME COULD NOT BE USED TO CHANGE SOCIAL SYSTEMS. TUNISIA SAID THAT NAMIBIANS, ZIMBABWEANS, AND PALESTINIANS ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMS OF COLONIALISM.

6. US EXPHASIZED UNIVERSAL CHARACTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE APPLICATION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION TO ALL PEOPLES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL OR SOCIAL SYSTEM AND SAID THAT THE CHARTER HAD RIGHTLY COUPLED SELF-DETERMINATION WITH EQUAL RIGHTS. US ALSO RECALLED MULTITUDE OF FORMS SELF-DETERMINATION COULD TAKE, CITING RES 1541 AND FREIDNLY RELATIONS DECLARATION. UK SAID THAT COLONIALISM IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF PROBLEM; THAT ALL PEOPLES UNDER ANY FORM OF DOMINATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

7. CHINA STATED THAT THERE ARE STILL MORE THAN 25 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION, PARTICULARLY IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND ZANIA (SOUTH AFRICA) CHINESE REP SAID THAT TWO SUPERPOWERS ARE STEPPING UP THEIR RIVALRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; ONE IS TRYING TO BUTTRESS THE SHITE RACIST GOVERNMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO, WHILE THE OTHER IS SNEAKING

AROUND ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE ITS INFLUENCE THROUGH UNDER-HANDED ACTIVITIES. ROMANIA SAID THAT CHARTER SHOULD NOT BE HISTORICAL RELIC OF THE PAST BUT A LIVING DOCUMENT THAT CAN CHANGE AS THE WORLD CHANGES.

8. US REP CITED AREA OF RETIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES AS ONE IN WHICH COMITE SHOULD BE ABLE FIND SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT. HE SAID DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN GA IS FLAWED BY THE SHEER VOLUME OF WORK AND ITS UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE COMMITTEES. HE SUGGESTED GREATER EFFORTS BE MADE TOWARD FINDING AGREEMENT RATHER THAN TAKING DECISIONS BY DIVIDED VOTES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE BE UTILIZED TO APPORTION THE WORKLOAD MORE EQUITABLY AND TO CUT DOWN ON UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. ROMANIA SPOKE ALONG SAME LINES. FRENCH REP SAID THERE IS CLOSE LINK IN UN BETWEEN ITS PROCEDURES AND ITS EFFECTIVENESS. HE SUPPORTED US AND ROMANIAN STATEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THEN CRITICIZED GA RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HE SAID ARE SELDOM BRIEF OR TO THE POINT, OFTEN OVERLAP, AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICT EACH OTHER. HE STATED THAT THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF SOME RESOLUTIONS MIGHT BE DUE TO THE UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT ON THEM IN THEIR NEGOTIATING AND DRAFTING STAGES. FRENCH DEL ASSERTED THT MAKING MAJORITY RULE BINDING WOULD DISRUPT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, BUT THAT THE EMERGENCE OF A CONSENSUS SYSTEM WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL.
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